

Tiffany 12/1/12

- WA like to talk to Grantz (1. Eric?)

- Excited about possible connection

- Think the project steering group is a great idea and like to discuss

- It's hard Year 1 - disconnect here.

seem like aims of the project +

## EPA comments on Swinomish TJWQP Year 3 Proposal

1. Better detail on Tasks. I commented on the need for additional detail in my Year 2 comments, and appreciate the additional information on pp. 3-4 that provides more detail on the Coordinator's tasks.

2. Comment on Task 3. The information provided for Task 3 is also helpful, with more detail on specific outreach activities the Coordinator will engage in. Subtask b.iii. appears to be new, and seems like it has a lot of potential to be very important and valuable to the project ("Quarterly project review with TJWQP Partners – USGS, NWIC, WWU, UW, and others").

- I would urge the grantee to take steps to maximize the value and benefit the review group can provide. This could include carefully and explicitly defining the role and expectations of this review group, explaining what kind of input they should provide to the project. For example, are the educational institutions expected to provide guidance/tools/resources that can enhance the educational opportunities the TJWQP offers? Are the universities expected to provide analytical support and resources toward analyzing and interpreting the data? Is the review group, or should they be, expected to provide strategic guidance on the overall project?
- Could the project review could also be considered part of the project's "Technical Review" described on p. 8.

3. Ecology's Marine Water Quality Monitoring Program. I also urge the grantee consider adding to its partners the Washington Department of Ecology's Marine Water Quality Monitoring Program. They are a leading regional resource for collecting and reporting on marine water quality metrics in Puget Sound (including putting monitoring probes on ferries). They have also established a Marine Water Quality index for reporting on local trends that is highly regarded for conveying a large quantity of data in a clear and simple trend chart. This is a link to the program's website:  
[http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/eap/mar\\_wat/mwci.html](http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/eap/mar_wat/mwci.html).

It is especially of interest and relevance to the TJWQP transboundary effort that the Canadian marine water quality monitoring program is beginning to align their work with Ecology's reporting approach.

We believe that someone from this team could be very helpful in working with the Canoe Journey marine water quality monitoring effort and helping to integrate their data into the larger Salish Sea context. We would be happy to make an introduction to their personnel; we are thinking especially of starting with either Christopher Krembs (ckre461@ecy.wa.gov), Mindy Roberts (mrob461@ecy.wa.gov) or Carol Maloy (cfal461@ecy.wa.gov) - probably in that sequence.